

Unless cured of the crookedness, which was its only essential distinguishing attribute, the blowpipe used by Maugham was evidently unfit for the fusion of any metal. Dr. Hare stated that he would not undertake the fusion with it of an ounce of platinum; and concluded by saying, that, whenever the process by which he had lately extended the power of his blowpipe should be published, it would be seen, that, however it might differ from those which he had previously contrived, it differed still more from that which Maugham had appropriated to himself.

Prof. Bache informed the Society, that, in conjunction with Prof. Rogers and Mr. Saxton on the nights of the 12th and 13th of November, and with Prof. Rogers and Mr. Walker on the 13th and 14th, he had observed the number of meteors or shooting stars. The first night was clear for only about an hour, viz., between three-quarters past one and two, when but one meteor was seen. The second was clear until half past two; but not even an ordinary average number of meteors was seen.

On the authority of a letter from Mr. Levett Harris, Dr. Bache reported the decease of Mr. F. H. Le Comte, of Paris, a member of the Society.

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*Stated Meeting, December 7.*

Present, twenty-seven members.

Dr. PATTERSON, Vice President, in the Chair.

The following donations were received:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Mémoires Couronnés par l'Académie Royale des Sciences et Belles-Lettres de Bruxelles. Vol. XII. Brussels, 1837.—*From the Academy.*

Bulletin de l'Académie Royale de Bruxelles. Nos. 10, 11, & 12. Brussels, 1837.—*From the same.*

- Annuaire de l'Académie Royale des Sciences et Belles-Lettres de Bruxelles. Quatrième Année. Brussels, 1838.—*From the same.*
- Notes sur la Structure des Hydatides et de l'Epiderme dans quelques Animaux; par M. Gluge. Brussels, 1838.—*From the Author.*
- Note sur la Terminaison des Nerfs et sur les Canaux Nerveux dans les Moignons des Amputés; par M. Gluge. Brussels, 1838.—*From the Author.*
- Annuaire de l'Observatoire de Bruxelles, pour l'An 1838, par le Directeur A. Quetelet. Brussels, 1838.—*From the Director.*
- Observations Horaires faites au dernier Solstice d'Hiver (1837), à Bruxelles, Louvain, Alost et Londres, &c. Brussels, 1838.—*From A. Quetelet.*
- Bulletin de la Société de Géographie. Deuxième Série. Vol. IX. Paris, 1838.—*From the Society.*
- Annales des Mines. Troisième Série. Vol. XIII. Parts 1 & 2 of 1838. Paris, 1838.—*From the Engineers of Mines.*
- The Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland. No. 9. London, 1838.—*From the Society.*
- Catalogue of the Chinese Library of the Royal Asiatic Society. By the Rev. S. Kidd. London, 1838.—*From the same.*
- Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal. Nos. 73, 74, 75, & 76. Calcutta, 1838.—*From the Society.*
- An Account of the Experiments made in the French Navy for the Trial of Bomb Cannon, etc. By H. J. Paixhans, Lieut. Col. of Artillery. Translated from the French, by John A. Dahlgren, Lieut. U. S. Navy. Philadelphia, 1838.—*From the Translator.*
- American Quarterly Register. Conducted by B. B. Edwards and W. Cogswell. Vol. XI. No. 2. For November. Boston, 1838.—*From Mr. W. Cogswell.*

Dr. Hare presented several papers on subjects relating to Chemistry and Galvanism. Referred to Dr. Bache, Professor Bache, and Mr. Lukens.

Mr. Raguet read, with concluding remarks by himself, an Obituary Notice of the late Chevalier Lorich, Chargé d'Affaires of Sweden to the United States, which had been communicated to Mr. Vaughan by the brother of the deceased.

Mr. C. J. Ingersoll read an Obituary Notice of the late president Madison.

Mr. Raguet reported the death of Don José Bonifacio de

Andrada e Silva, of Brazil, and Dr. Bache, the decease of Dr. Alexander Pearson, formerly of Canton, both members of the Society.

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*Stated Meeting, December 21.*

Present, twenty-eight members.

Dr. PATTERSON, Vice President, in the Chair.

The following donations were received:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Malay Bible. Serampore, 1821.—*From Mr. L. B. Stone.*

Part of a Malay MS., entitled "History of the Prophets."—*From the same.*

A MS. copy, in Malay, of the Credentials, called the "*Tromba Menangcarbowe*," carried by the Prince Raja Laboo, last deputed by the States of Sumatra to the Court of the Sultan on the Peninsula.—*From the same.*

Gospel of St. John, in Malay. Press of the American Missionaries. Singapore, 1837.—*From the same.*

The Gospels and Acts, in Malay. Revised Edition. Printed at the Mission Press, for the British and Foreign Bible Society. Singapore, 1831.—*From the same.*

Story of Abdullah and Sabat, in Malay. Singapore, 1837.—*From the same.*

Romans. Chapters 1 to 16, in Tamul.—*From the same.*

Gospel of St. John, in Hindustani.—*From the same.*

Mr. Bruckner's Version of St. John, in Javanese.—*From the same.*

Acts of the Apostles, in Arabic.—*From the same.*

Acts of the Apostles, in Hinduwee.—*From the same.*

Proverbs, in Oordoo.—*From the same.*

Book of Genesis, in Bengalee. Calcutta, 1833.—*From the same.*

Three Missionary Tracts in Chinese.—*From the same.*

Chinese Almanac.—*From the same.*

Chinese Testament.—*From the same.*

The Gospels and Epistles of St. John, in Japanese.—*From the same.*

Gospel of St. John, in Siamese.—*From the same.*

A Tract in Bugis, a language of Celebes.—*From the same.*